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Attached is an amendment in response to an Office Action from Examiner, Jeffery A Brieron dated May 7, 2002.

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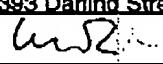
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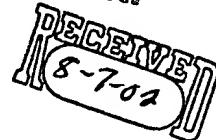
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Report of 7 May 2002, the Applicant makes the following submissions.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 28 on page 13 with the following:

--1. Firstly, for a set of evenly spaced parameter values on the Bézier curve between (and including) 0.0 and 1.0, for each parameter value Pn (Fig. 3) the curve value 30 a normalised tangent 31 and normalised normal 32 are calculated. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 on page 14 with the following:

-- Turning to Fig. 4, the end result of the offset of curves in accordance with step 7 of Fig. 1 is to produce for a series of Bézier curve segments C1, C2 etc. Firstly, a series of parametrically spaced points, P1 - P5. Next, the normalisation points N1 - N5 are produced (corresponding through to point 36 of Fig. 3), for each of the points P1 - P5. Next, the resultant piece-wise Bézier curve segment 40 is produced by utilising the points in N1 - N5. This process is then repeated for the opposite curve comprising the points N6 - N10 and curve 41. This process is then repeated for each of the subsequent piece-wise curves C2 etc. The result is the two curves of 40, 41 being substantially parallel to one another and having a